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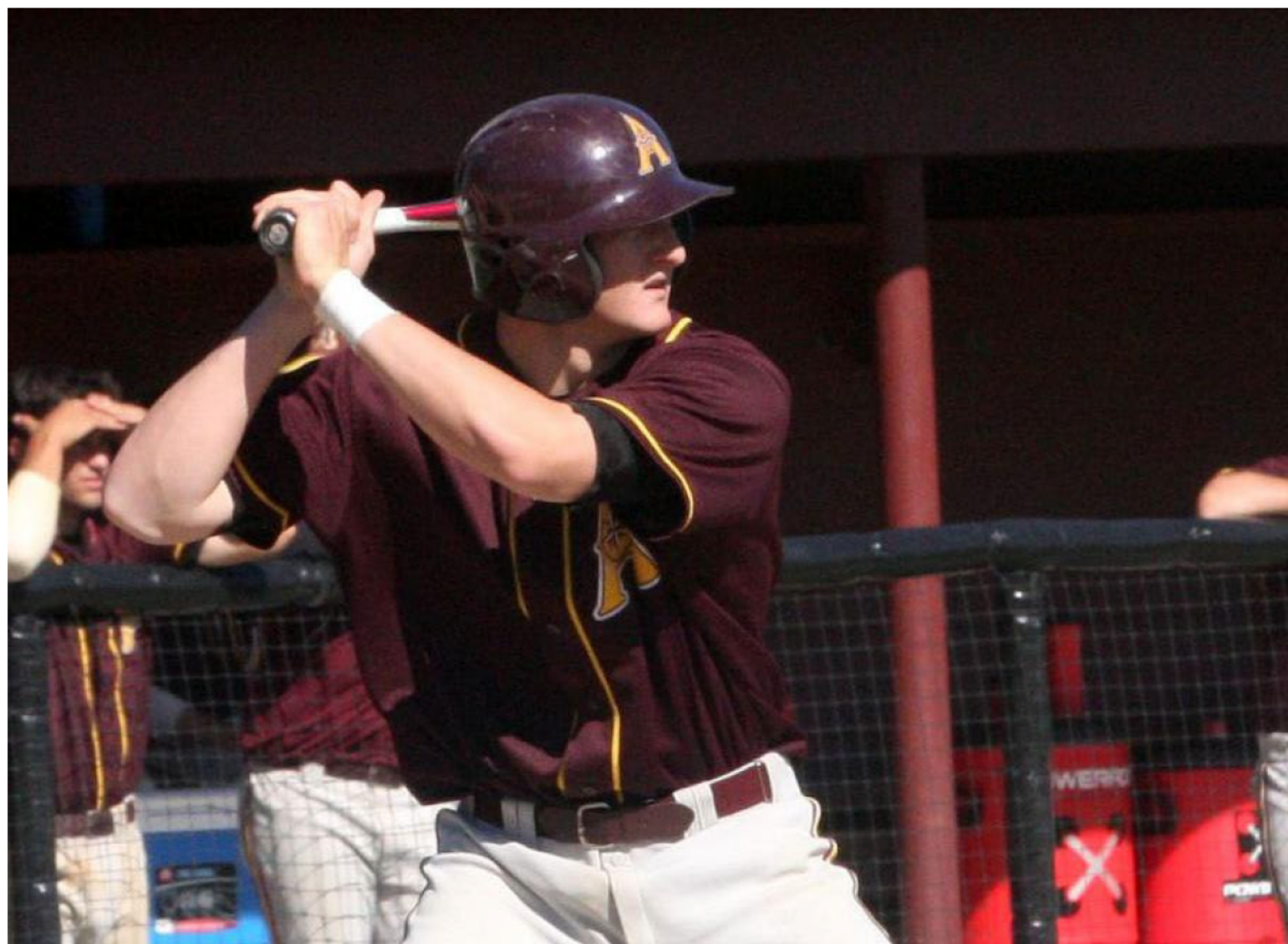
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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The No. 11-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University baseball squad doubled up No. 29 Columbus State, 12-6, to salvage a game in the three-game Peach Belt Conference series on Sunday afternoon at Pirate Field.

The Pirates (26-10, 10-5 PBC) halted their four-game slide with the win, while stopping a four-game winning streak by the Cougars (25-14, 10-8 PBC).

Armstrong took an early 2-0 lead with single runs in both the first and second innings. A sacrifice fly by Clayton Miller drove home the first run in the first, then a two-out Josh Purvis single in the second put the Pirates up by two.

A two-run home run from Ryan Lewis in the top of the third tied the score at 2-2, but Armstrong moved back in front with a single run in the fourth on an Alex Frederick RBI single.

Columbus State took its first lead of the game with three runs in the fifth. A wild pitch and a two-RBI single by Cameron Scott gave the Cougars a 5-3 lead. Armstrong quickly responded with two runs in the bottom of the fifth - on a bases-loaded walk to Purvis and a Drew Walker hit-by-pitch with the bases full.

The Pirates took the lead for good in the sixth, plating three runs on a squeeze RBI by Josh Heath and RBI singles from Barnhill and a bases-loaded walk to Walker. Armstrong put the game out of reach with three more runs in the seventh, on another RBI single from Barnhill and a two-RBI double by **Chris Zittrouer**.

Scott Strickland (6-2) notched the win for the Pirates, giving up 11 hits and six runs in eight innings, walking two and striking out six.

Drew Cox (0-1) suffered his first loss of the season in relief for the Cougars, giving up two runs in 1/3 of an inning of work.

Zittrouer went 3-for-3 with two RBIs while Barnhill went 3-for-5 with a pair of RBIs to lead the Pirates at the plate. Lewis led the Cougars at the plate, going 3-for-5 with two RBIs.

Armstrong returns to action on Tuesday, playing Pfeiffer in a neutral-site game at UNC Pembroke at 6:30 p.m.



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